

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace all of the original sheets of drawings with the attached fifteen (15) replacement sheets of drawings.

The replacement sheets differ from the original in that the overall quality of the drawings has been improved and in that the informalities identified by the Examiner at section 1 of the Office Action have been corrected.

Remarks/Argument

Claim Summary

By this Amendment, claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 27 and 29 have been revised, and claims 4 and 31 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 5-30 and 32-39 are now pending in the application

Drawings

Attached are new formal drawings for the application in which the informalities identified by the Examiner have been corrected.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indicated allowance of claims 1, 2, 19-26 and 34-39, and the indicated allowability of claims 4-10 and 12-18.

35 U.S.C. ¶112, second paragraph

By this Amendment, claim 27 has been revised to provide antecedent basis for “said array of source/drain regions”, thus overcoming the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. ¶102 – Claims 3 and 11

Claims 3 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 as being anticipated by Hsing et al. (US 5517046).

By this Amendment, claim 3 has been revised to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 4 (now cancelled). Claim 11 depends from claim 3, and accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 has been rendered moot.

35 U.S.C. ¶102 – Claims 27, 28, 32 and 33

Claims 27, 28, 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 as being anticipated by Hsing et al. (US 5517046).

By this Amendment, claim 27 has been revised to incorporate the subject matter of non-rejected dependent claim 31 (now cancelled). Claims 28, 32 and 33 depend from claim 27, and accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 has been rendered moot.

Further, by this Amendment, non-rejected claim 29 has been amended into independent form by incorporating the subject matter of original claim 27.

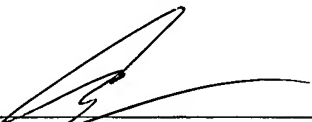
Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims 1-3, 5-30 and 32-39 now pending in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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